

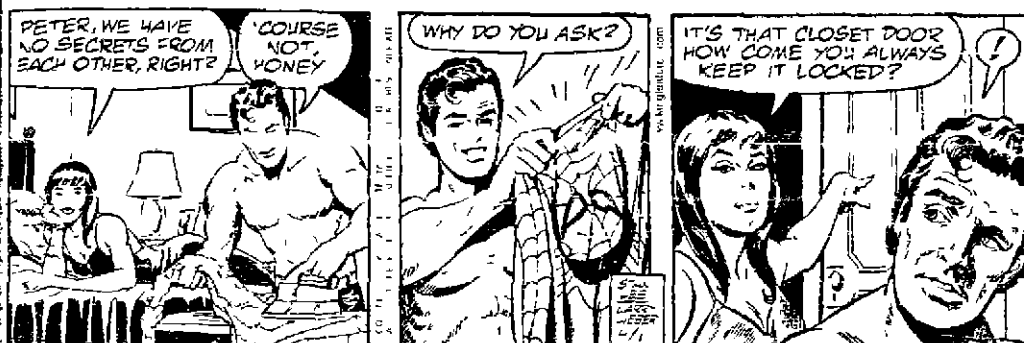
## BLONDIE



## SALLY FORTH



## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



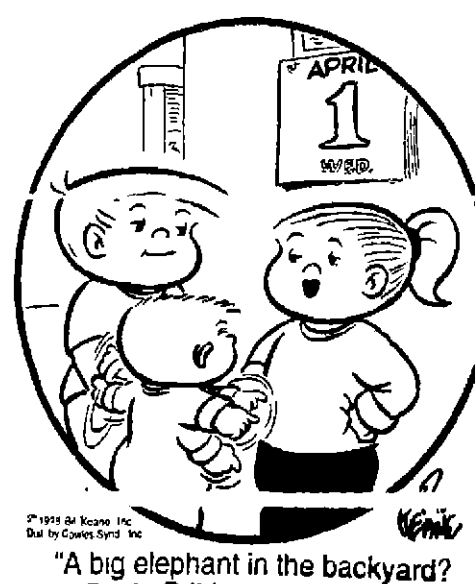
## DILBERT



## DENNIS THE MENACE



## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

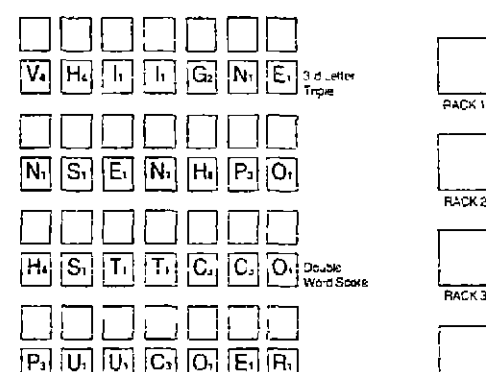
Author William Manchester is 76  
Actress Jane Powell is 69. Actress  
is 68. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 66.  
Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 64.  
Actor Don Hastings ("As the World Turns") is 64.  
Actress Ali MacGraw is 60.  
Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 59.  
David Eisenhower is 51.  
Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 50.  
Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 49.

## I NEED HELP



The April Fool's "Do It Yourself" cartoon. Create text for bubbles and e-mail to [frikfrak1@aol.com](mailto:frikfrak1@aol.com). Best entry gets printed.

## SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 65-75  
by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter has no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4:10

For solution, see Classified.

## WORD SLEUTH

## Light sources

I E B Y V T Q N O L I G D B Y  
W T R P M G T K R O E T E M I  
F Y D B T B N H Y E R A L F W  
U F L A S H L I G H T S D P Q  
O M K F I R G U N I F N N M D  
B Z X W E U A I B T L U A A S  
C O N H L P I T L H S C I H  
F D C A C Y I W S D S G A V T  
S Q P S E R I F N L A A I G K  
I H F E C B O Z Y W V E L L U  
S R Q P N H C T A M M L H F J

## Tuesday's unlisted clue: FILLED

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: DISTANT SUNS  
Candle Flashbulb Lamp Meteor  
Firefly Flashlight Lantern Sun  
Fires Gaslight Lightening Torch  
Flare Headlight Match

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For solution, see Classified.

## HOROSCOPE

## For Thursday, April 2, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Sound business planning is favored. However, it is not a great time to try to obtain financial backing.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You shouldn't expect everyone to agree with you, especially in matters such as politics and social issues.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Research can lead to fresh ideas about a career pursuit, but it's the wrong time to push business interests openly.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) New contracts are likely and worthwhile, but there is some tendency to argue about a financial matter with a loved one.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Try not to let the day's activities upset you. Quiet pursuits continue to be your best bet.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Some travel freshens your outlook. There is a potential for arguments at home.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The day favors the purchase of household appliances, consumer electronics and the like. Still, you need patience when shopping.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You excel in creative areas. You could be somewhat difficult to get along with on the job.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If a do-it-yourself project is not carefully thought out, troubles could ensue. Don't blame others if you're at fault.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Expect trouble with others if you keep changing your mind or give mixed messages.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A new idea is brilliant, but it could take some time to work out all the details. Don't let yourself feel frustrated if all the pieces do not fit.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) A partner could be hesitant about going along with a new plan of yours. Try to curb impatience or anger.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

## By Bobby Wolff

In a duplicate game, today's deal provided an ideal setting for an April Fool's Day trick. A cagey East laid a well-concealed trap, and South stumbled right into it. East covered West's spade nine with his 10, but South could afford to duck. East led a second spade to South's queen, and South correctly decided to attack in clubs. In view of East's vulnerable overall, he reasoned East was more likely to hold the diamond king than the club queen. And if he lost a diamond finesse, East's club ace would still be at large for East to run his spades. At trick three, South led a club to dummy's nine, and East casually won with his ace (hiding the queen). East knocked out South's last spade stopper, and South was primed for a humiliating pratfall. Why should he risk a diamond finesse when it was "obvious" he could bring in the club suit? So South repeated the club finesse, expecting to claim his contract. Unfortunately, this time the finesse lost to East's camouflaged queen, and the game went down two tricks. Was West a sucker for falling for East's ruse? No, his play was reasonable. How could he have known he could have dropped the club queen and made a sure overtrick?

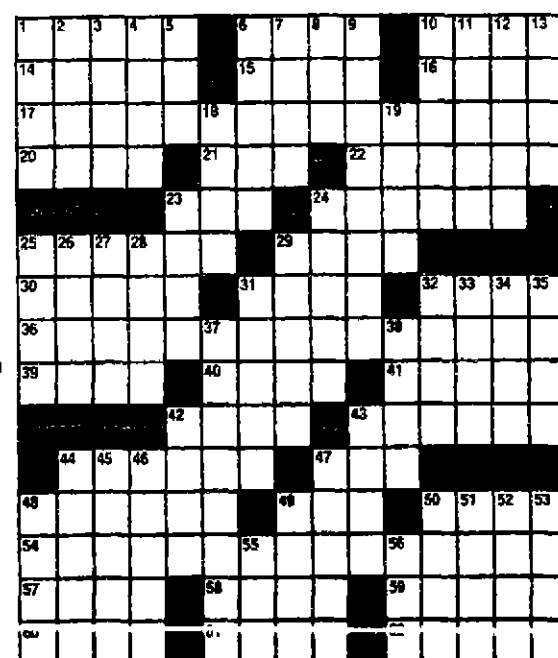
## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0218

- ACROSS**  
1 Commercial creator  
6 Bar-ring  
10 Coax carrier  
14 Uninviting to a  
15 Composer Schiffrin  
16 Kind of mechanic  
17 Saying of Benjamin Franklin, part 1  
20 Red, to a motorist  
21 Big house  
22 Oktoberfest mementos  
23 Bunyan's tool  
24 Fuel gas  
25 Like some pay rates  
29 Chimney channel  
30 Indian state  
31 One who does the lord's work  
32 Tag info  
36 Saying, part 2  
39 One named Nigerian singer  
40 Smooth-talking  
41 Homologous  
42 Heirs, often  
43 They feature Franklin  
44 Quoting the raven?  
47 Calendar square  
48 In a breezy way  
49 Polish off  
50 Novelist Haley  
54 End of the saying  
57 More than one way to skin
- DOWN**  
1 "Lucky Jim" author  
2 Nimble  
3 It may be held in delis  
4 Resting on  
5 Big Apple sch  
6 World-weary  
7 Superboy's girlfriend  
8 Cover girl Carol  
9 Sexy one, in slang  
10 "hike!"  
11 Unwarrel  
12 Observe Yom Kippur  
13 Cuts (down)  
14 Like candles  
15 Will-wisp connection  
22 Soprano Gluck  
24 NFL Hall-of-Famer Hirsch  
25 Boater and sailor  
32 Recital performance  
33 Monogram part Abbr  
34 Quarterback Bratkowski  
35 Spuds' buds  
37 Bughouse  
38 More than a few  
43 Either of two Roman statesmen  
44 "Odyssey" enchantress  
45 Indo-European

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
ROME QUADS SCAM  
ALEX UNIDID PETE  
MINT ABACI OLES  
SOUTH FOLK COLAS  
AFL ECONOMY  
YEAST TYRONE  
ALLIES EER RADS  
MALL PRADO INRI  
STAY AER TASTIES

**ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
GNARLED USO  
LOEWS JACKKNIFE  
OLGA TULSA ADIN  
VOIR ABPOY DOJO  
ESSE STONE ALIS



Puzzle by Thomas W. Schler

46 Like Oscar Wilde  
47 Vader of "Star Wars"  
48 Slightly  
49 Fish-eating birds  
50 Reporter's question  
51 Linda, Calif.  
52 Biographer Ludwig  
53 "Warrior" Princess of TV  
54 Spanish she-bear  
55 Reporter's question

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